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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** MLPA Los Angeles/San Diego Regional Working Group Members

**FROM:** Debra Nudelman, RESOLVE and Dave Parker, CA Department of Fish and Game

**SUBJECT:** September 20<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles/San Diego Regional Working Group (RWG) Meeting Summary and Action Items

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Thank you for your participation and efforts at the MLPA Los Angeles/San Diego Regional Working Group (RWG) meeting held on Thursday, September 20, 2002. This memo includes a brief meeting summary and the following attachments:

*Attachment A – Roster of Attendees*

*Attachment B – Upcoming Meeting Dates and Action Item List*

Please carefully review the attached Action Item list (*Attachment B, Upcoming Meeting Dates and Action Item List*) to ensure we have included all of the agreed-upon tasks and to identify your work areas. Please feel free to contact me at (503) 228-6408 or at [dnudelman@resolve.org](mailto:dnudelman@resolve.org) or Dave Parker at (562) 342-7179 or at [dparker@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dparker@dfg.ca.gov) if you have questions or concerns.

### **Welcome, Introductions, Proposed Meeting Objectives and Agenda**

The meeting began with Mr. Dave Parker, California Department of Fish and Game (Department), welcoming the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Los Angeles/San Diego Regional Working Group (RWG) and observers, providing a context for the meeting and asking all attendees to briefly introduce themselves and state their affiliation.

Ms. Debra Nudelman, RESOLVE facilitator briefly reviewed the proposed meeting objectives, agenda and meeting materials including the draft operating principles, logistics, housekeeping, expectations, and scheduling. It was suggested that the RESOLVE facilitator be a strong chair to keep the meetings in order and on track.

All materials distributed to the Working Group Members will be available in MLPA section of the DFG website. Meeting summaries, not full meeting minutes, will also be available on the DFG website <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa> after being finalized by the RWG.

⇒ *The Working Group approved by consensus RESOLVE's approach to communicating with the group (in Word) via email.*

⇒ *The Working Group also approved by consensus the posting of meeting agendas and final adopted meeting summaries on the Department MLPA web page.*

Working Group members were asked to provide input to confirm the contact information they would like to make available to the general public for posting on the Department MLPA web page.

Working Group members were asked to provide their suggested alternates and contact information to the Regional Coordinator if they have not already done so. Proposed alternates will be approved by the Director of the Department of Fish and Game in a similar process to the one used to approve Working Group members. If the proposed alternate does not receive approval then another proposed alternate must be submitted. An alternate cannot officially sit in for a Working Group member until he/she has been approved by the Department.

### **Brief Review of the MLPA Regional Working Group Goals, Objectives, Mandates and Responsibilities**

Mr. Dave Parker presented a brief description of the MLPA goals, objectives, requirements, roles and responsibilities and timelines referencing the MLPA handout that was included in participant's materials. Assembly Bill 892 extending the MLPA process until January 1, 2005 has passed and been signed by Governor Davis.

The MLPA Regional Working Group process can provide the Department with recommendations about how MPAs should work and be implemented as well as specific alternatives for MPA locations, sizes, numbers and types. Also, these meetings can help address and resolve differences.

At this point the Working Group members asked questions and brought up several issues of concern on how the process will function including: (1) how the Working Group, Master Plan Team and the Department will interact in the process, (2) how the alternatives and recommendations of the Working Group will be reviewed, modified and included in the Draft Master Plan; and (3) the need for some set of criteria to help guide the Working Group in analyzing various options for MPAs and whether they will meet the requirements of the MLPA.

The Department answered Working Group members' questions, the group discussed the identified issues and concerns and developed action items as needed (*see Attachment B*).

## **MLPA Regional Working Group Composition and Draft Operating Principles**

Working Group members raised issues and concerns regarding Working Group composition, including:

- Representation from the fish retail and restaurant industries is lacking.
- Too many consumptive and not enough non-consumptive users on the working group.
- Coastal Community representation does not cover the entire region within this working group's boundaries.
- Constituent categories that Working Group members are listed as do not encompass the scope of their personal views or all the views of their constituents.
- Too many representatives with economic interests at stake.
- Recreational anglers represent a huge cross section of the public and they represent more than just consumptive users of the resource.

*⇒ After further discussion, it was decided by consensus that there would be no modification of the group composition at this time as long as experts could be brought in to provide added information and comment when needed.*

## **Draft Operating Principles**

Working Group reviewed and revised the Proposed Operating Principles including the following changes.

- *Section II - Paragraph 1: add “Draft” to Master Plan; Paragraph 2: change to read “existing or potential MPAs.... MPAs creation, modification or elimination”; Paragraph 7 Master Plan Team: delete last sentence; Paragraph 8: delete “continue to”.*
- *Section V – Paragraph 3 Consensus: use “agree to”; Paragraph 4: change to read “opportunities for alternative reports to ensure that all opinions will be represented”.*

*⇒ The revised Operating Principles were adopted by a consensus of the group.*

The group raised its concern that the Working Group recommendations are included as part of the final Draft MLPA Master Plan. The Working Group provided suggestions to help ensure the recommendations made over the next two years are considered:

- Make sure the recommendations made by the Regional Working Groups meet the requirements of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) by working closely with the MLPA Master Plan Team. Possibly having a member of the Team at each meeting to provide immediate feedback and respond to questions.
- The Working Group will need criteria for MPAs to help determine which recommendations and alternatives will meet the goals and guidelines of the MLPA and be acceptable recommendations for the Draft MLPA Master Plan.

- To improve the interaction between the seven Regional Working Groups the formation of a Steering/Statewide committee of Working Group members may be needed in the future.

### **Learning about Each Other's Hopes and Expectations/Developing a Proposed Vision for Marine Resources within Your Region**

It was suggested several times that the members need to understand each others positions and perspectives in order for this process to move forward. Each member took five approximately minutes to describe their perspective, hopes and vision for the process. Some of the views expressed included the following:

- MPAs will not work if they are not enforceable.
- The community needs to be more involved with the process.
- It will be important to appropriately manage waters outside of closed areas.
- Current management problems must be addressed and the Working Group must also make plans for the future.
- San Clemente and San Nicholas Islands are extremely valuable to the Navy for weapons testing and there are still productive ecosystems in those testing areas. The Navy will oppose any plan to create reserves in certain areas used for training and testing activities.
- Create the most effective reserves with minimal socio-economic impact.
- Find representative ecosystems along the coast and decide which ones need protection. Also find and protect rare ecosystems.
- Kelp harvesting is a science based, well managed and sustainable fishery that no take reserves could put out of business.
- Protect intrinsic value of the ocean.
- The experimental nature of reserves leaves a lot of room for compromise.
- Winds and swells restrict small skiff anglers to areas near launch ramps and by closing areas near launch ramps those people won't be able to go fishing.
- People with years of recreational diving experience have witnessed loss of biodiversity in coastal ecosystems.
- There is a lack of fisheries data to properly manage the resource; an MPA is an insurance policy against poor management decisions and radical environmental changes.
- Extreme view points for or against MPAs are counter productive to the Working Group process.
- Get creative with the management tools available to come up with a plan that benefits everyone.
- It sounds like everyone in this group has an interest in some degree of compromise.
- There is a need for more education in coastal areas.
- Those members with experience in the Channel Islands Reserves Working Group believe that this group is several weeks ahead of where those groups were at this stage in the process.

As the meeting neared its conclusion, the facilitator commended the group on its collective insights, expertise and wisdom. She noted that this was just the beginning of the Working Group's conversations and discussions. Upcoming meetings would provide for significant opportunity to explore the group's interests, topics, issues and concerns.

**Next Step Tasks, Meeting Summary and Acknowledgements**

The group reviewed potential dates and locations for its next meeting and agreed that the next MLPA Los Angeles/San Diego Regional Working Group meeting will be held at the Dana Point Youth and Group Facility in Dana Point Harbor. Possible meeting dates are either December 11 or 12, 2002; the meeting will be held from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm with a working lunch. Mr. Parker agreed to confirm a meeting date.

The RESOLVE facilitator reviewed and summarized the consensus decisions of the group and the agreed-upon action items (*see Attachment B*). RESOLVE will distribute the Action Items, draft meeting summary and revised operating principles via email. Once approved by the Working Group, the meeting summary will be posted on the Department's MLPA web site. Working Group members were reminded to submit their public contact information and proposed alternate information to Dave Parker as soon as possible.

The Department and facilitator acknowledged the Working Group members for their participation and efforts. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

*ATTACHMENT A*

**MLPA Los Angeles to San Diego Regional Working Group  
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**ROSTER OF ATTENDEES**

Regional Working Group Participants:

1. Mr. Stephen Benavides, The Kelp Forest Coalition, Inc.
2. Mr. Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper
3. Mrs. Stephanie Dart, San Diego Baykeeper
4. Mr. Paul Dayton, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
5. Mr. Randal Friedman, California Governmental Affairs, Navy Region Southwest
6. Mr. Dale Glantz, ISP Alginates
7. Mr. Pete Halmay, Sea Urchin Harvesters Association of California
8. Mr. Donald Hansen, Sportfishing Association of California
9. Mr. Adam Kimmerly, Recreational Angling
10. Lt. Marty Maytorena, Department of Fish and Game
11. Dr. Kathy Ann Miller, Wrigley Marine Science Center
12. Mr. John H. Moore, Recreational Diving
13. Mr. Tom Raftican, United Anglers of Southern California
14. Ms. Patti Schooley, Orange County Harbors, Beaches, and Parks Division
15. Mr. Joseph Tickey, San Diego Rod and Reel Club

Proposed Alternates/Observers:

1. Mr. Michael Beanan, South Laguna Civic Association and O.C. Coastkeeper, South Laguna, CA
2. Mr. Joe Geever, Surfrider Foundation, San Clemente, CA
3. Mr. Rick Wilson, Surfrider Foundation, Laguna Beach Chapter, Aliso Viejo, CA
4. Mr. Don May, California Earth Corps, Lakewood, CA
5. Mr. Scott Hill, NOAA Fisheries, Southwest Region, Long Beach, CA
6. Mr. Mike Hansen, Dana Wharf Sportfishing, Dana Point, CA
7. Mr. Kevin B. Cooper, Recreational Sportfishing, Carlsbad, CA
8. Ms. Nicole Murphy, Cypress, CA
9. Mr. Shane Beck, MBC Applied Environmental Sciences, Costa Mesa, CA

Department of Fish and Game Staff:

1. Mr. Dave Parker
2. Mr. Mike Connell

Facilitation:

1. Ms. Debra Nudelman, RESOLVE, Inc.

ATTACHMENT B

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**Upcoming Meeting Dates and Action Items List**

<b>Upcoming Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Location</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am-4:30 pm with a working lunch</li></ul>	MLPA Los Angeles/San Diego RWG	Dana Point Harbor and Youth Group Facility ( <i>to be confirmed</i> )

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
1. <u>RWG Representation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Transmit RWG consensus support for current representation; check in on Coastal Community representation, as needed</li><li>Check in with absent RWG members to confirm support</li></ul>	RWG to DFG  Dave Parker	ASAP  ASAP
2. <u>Operating Principles</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Distribute final consensus supported and adopted operating principles with redline/strikeout changes for group confirmation.</li><li>Check in with absent RWG members to confirm support</li></ul>	RESOLVE to RWG  Dave Parker	By close of business, October 4 <sup>th</sup>  ASAP

Action Item	Who	When
<p>3. <u>Web Posting of RWG Public Contact Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post information that RWG have approved for public distribution</li> <li>Check in with absent RWG members to obtain web posting information</li> </ul>	<p>Dave Parker, DFG (lead)</p> <p>Dave Parker</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p>4. <u>RWG Alternates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RWG members provide their proposed alternates and contact information</li> </ul>	<p>All RWG members to Dave Parker</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>5. <u>Resource and Information Sharing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide resource contact information for RWG (NOAA, Sea Grant, etc.)</li> <li>Provide a MLPA funding/budget summary to RWG</li> <li>Strongly encourage and request regular updates/reports to the DFG Director, Commission, Joint Aquaculture Committee to keep them informed of RWG progress</li> </ul>	<p>DFG, Dave Parker (lead)</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>6. <u>Document Distribution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and distribute September 20<sup>th</sup> draft meeting summary</li> <li>Confirmed acceptance by RWG to distribute meeting materials, etc. by email.</li> <li>Provide email contact information for Bruce Campbell and Joseph Tickey</li> <li>Update RWG roster information as provided</li> </ul>	<p>RESOLVE and DFG</p> <p>RESOLVE</p> <p>Joseph Tickey and Bruce Campbell to RESOLVE and DFG</p> <p>RESOLVE and DFG</p>	<p>By close of business, October 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p>As needed</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>As needed</p>
<p>7. <u>Process Design Options</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At RWG meeting #3, ask about formation of an MLPA Steering Committee and/or Statewide Committee</li> </ul>	<p>RESOLVE</p>	<p>Early 2003</p>



Action Item	Who	When
8. <u>December 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed agenda topics include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussing region/coast areas, evaluation of existing MPAs;</li> <li>- What fisheries, data and habitat gaps exist?</li> <li>- Define and understand the baseline</li> <li>- October Commission meeting outcomes</li> <li>- RWG communication tools (listserv, bulletin board, email group)</li> <li>- Schedule upcoming meetings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	RESOLVE and DFG prepare proposed agenda and circulate to RWG	By November 27 <sup>th</sup> (no less than two weeks prior to meeting)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed background documents/tools include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notebook documents, marine topo maps (by CD?) and GIS support</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	DFG	As provided and at the December meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Debra McArdle books, State Marine Management Interagency Report and other background reading</li> </ul>	DFG and RWG members (provide to RESOLVE for circulation to RWG)	ASAP; by November 27 <sup>th</sup> (no less than two weeks prior to meeting)